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The Honorable John H. Rubel Assistant Secretary of Defense -Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

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We have examined the information contained in the 12 October 1962 communication addressed to you by California. Our substantive comment which is attached only confirms the impressions we have gained from our past experience with this source.

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is a fabricator of long standing who at each major crisis in U.S. world affairs turns up with sensational reports allegedly developed by a Korean underground. The reports, which are sent in each case to a high-level official of the United States Government, are timely and interesting and close enough to current affairs and possibilities to make acceptable first-glance reading. In fact, however, they will not stand the light of closer analysis. Much of his information has already been well publicized before he reports it; and when his reporting departs from this base, the information is inconsistent with facts as we know them or with sound reasoning based on fact. As you can see, our experience has indicated clearly that any time spent with this source is wasted.

Sincerely,

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Albert D. Wheelon
Assistant Director

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